**Example**

**TOPIC: People with extraordinary talents**

**Subtopic: People who draw well; people who play sports well; musicians; singers; actors**

**Blake’s Subtopic: People who can stretch skin very far. (Weird but true)**

**Question/Issue:**

* **People who can stretch their skin very far -- is this a real talent or freaky? Attention-getting.**
* **Maybe it’s just a habit?**

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**Topic: Cartoons**

**Subtopic: Tom & Jerry**

**Question/Issues: What is Tom & Jerry really teaching us? Can shows like Tom & Jerry set a bad example?**

**Is it really teaching us that we can all outsmart someone tougher than us?**

**DESCRIBE IT:**

* **Tom and Jerry is mostly about a Cat trying to eat the mouse.**
* **Pair of friends who always end up fighting.**
* **They get injured but they always come back to life.**
* **They also don’t talk.**

**COMPARE IT:**

* **Road Runner**
  + **They are also friends and fight.**
* **Sesame Street**
  + **A lot of episodes - they teach us lessons.**
* **Many seasons**
* **Spongebob** 
  + **They always get injured and come back to life.**

**ANALYZE IT:**

* **Cartoons have unrealistic situations (Tom & Jerry; Spongebob)**
* **Cartoons exaggerate scenarios**

**ASSOCIATE IT:**

* **Over-exaggerate**
* **Talking animals**
* **Jokes**
* **Innocent**
* **For kids - targeted audience**
* **Subliminal messages**
* **Real life**

**ARGUE FOR OR AGAINST IT?**

* **Do cartoons teach us values or violence?**
* **Do cartoons present too many inappropriate materials and messages?**
* **Cartoons are meant for entertainment! Don’t overanalyze and try to educate!**
* **No more cartoons**